






MY NAME IS  
KANG TAESHIK.  
I WORK FOR THE  
SURVEILLANCE  
TEAM.




AS YOU HEARD,  
THERE'S NO NEED  
TO WORRY. I'LL BE  
KEEPING A CLOSE  
EYE ON THOSE  
SCUMBAGS.


WHO'LL  
BE TAKING THE  
LEAD TODAY?

I GUESS  
I WILL.

THEN I'LL  
ENTRUST YOU  
WITH GUIDING  
THE PARTY.



SUNG, ARE  
YOU OKAY WITH  
ME BEING THE  
LEADER?



YES, OF  
COURSE...

THANKS FOR  
PUTTING YOUR  
TRUST IN ME  
AGAIN.





M...MR. SONG?!



THAT DAY,  
11 PEOPLE DIED  
BECAUSE OF  
ME...

...BUT SIX  
PEOPLE WERE  
ABLE TO SURVIVE  
BECAUSE OF  
YOU.

IT'S MY FAULT  
THAT WE WEREN'T  
ABLE TO PROTECT  
EVERYONE.

I'M BOWING TO YOU  
ON BEHALF OF ALL THE  
HUNTERS WHO SURVIVED.  
PLEASE ACCEPT OUR  
GRATITUDE.

**SUNG,  
WE ARE SO  
THANKFUL.**

MR. SONG,  
PLEASE STAND  
BACK UP.

KIM,  
I'M GOING TO BE  
THE LEADER OF  
THIS RAID.





THIS RAID.

YOU DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
COMPLAINTS,  
RIGHT?



DO AS YOU  
PLEASE.







# Solo Leveling

Art · DUBU (REDICE STUDIO)  
Original Novel · Chugong  
Story · h-goon

29



THESE GUYS



ARE SO FULL OF  
OPENINGS.



BORING,  
SO BORING!



COME AT ME,  
ALL OF YOU!!

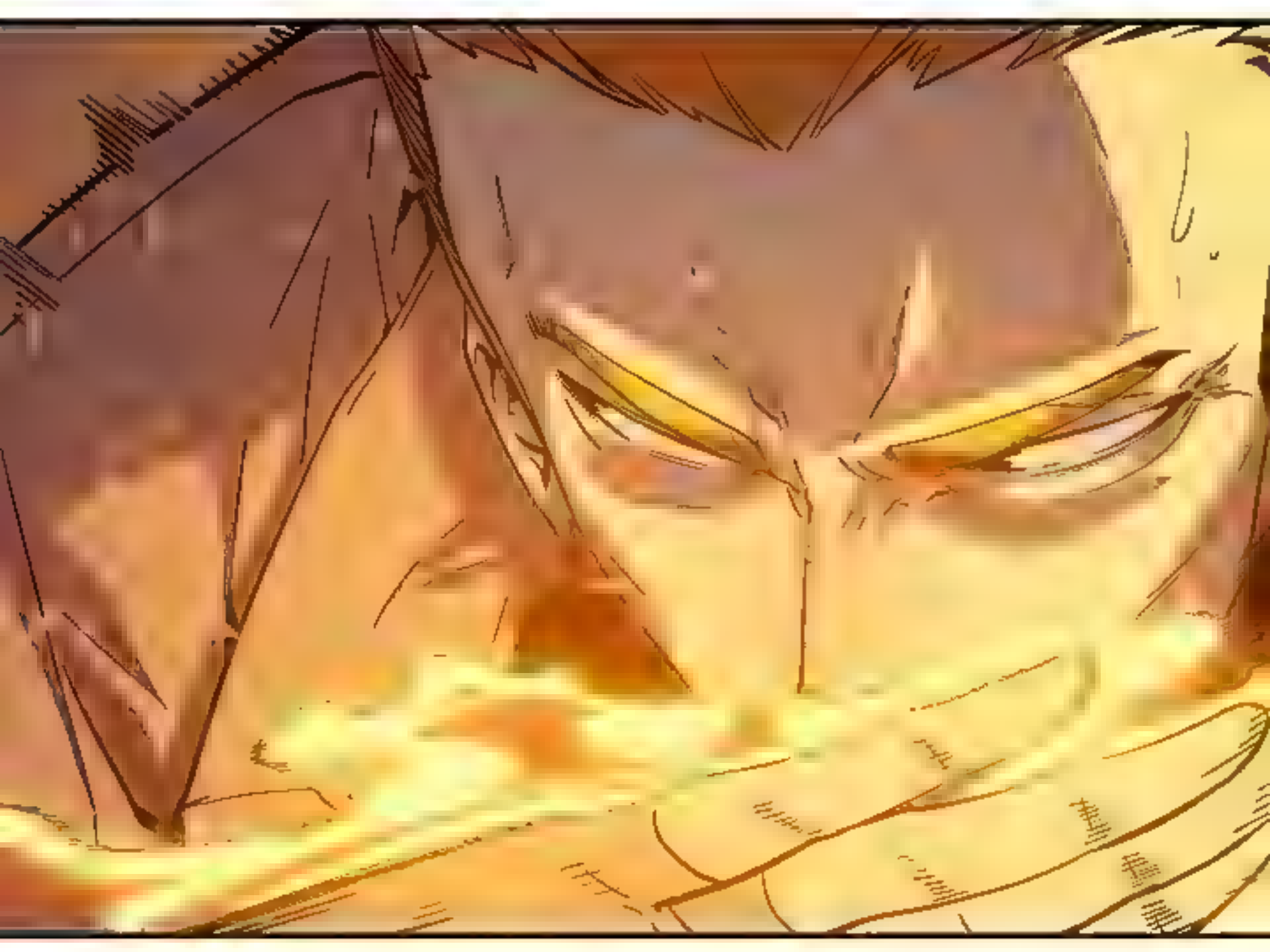
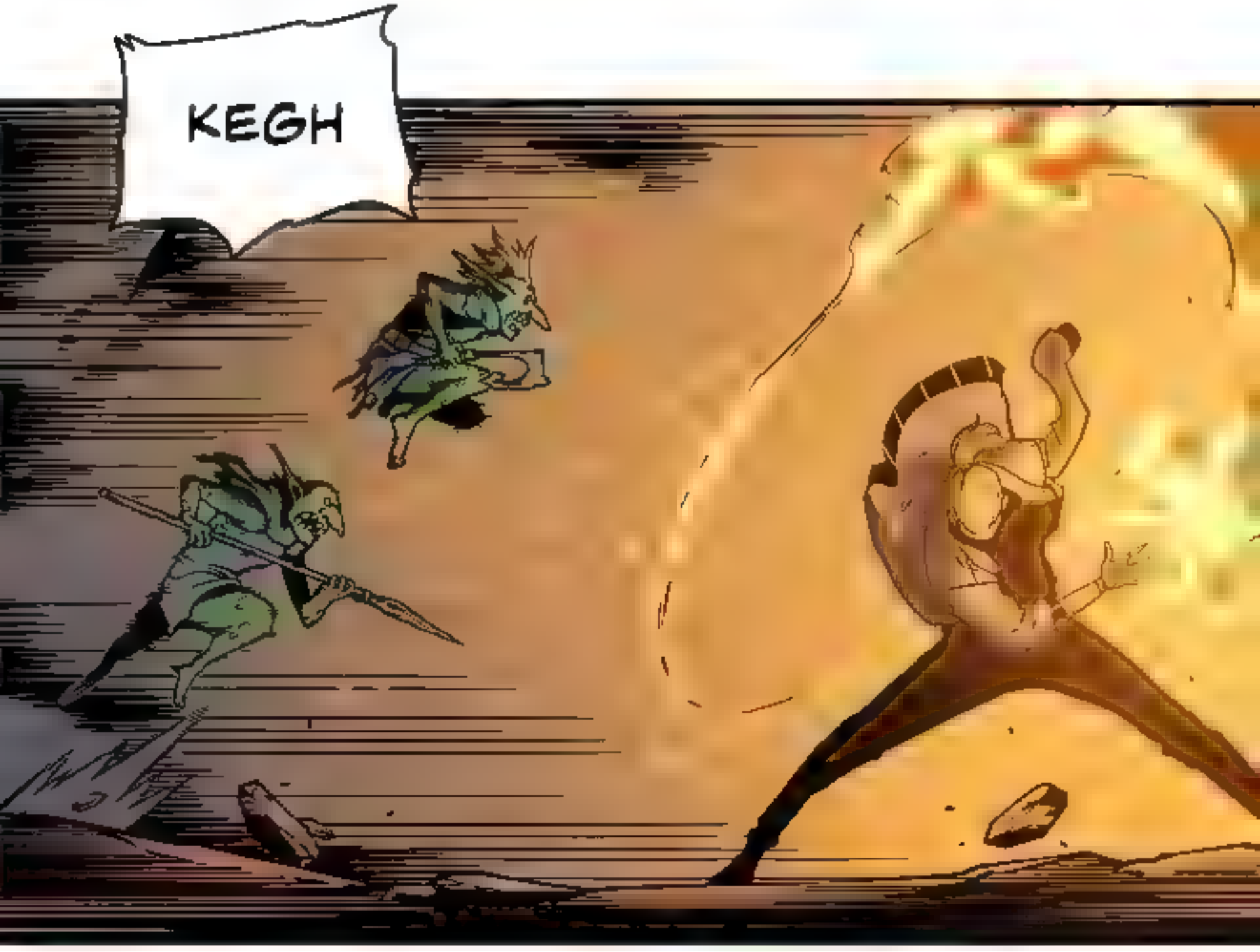






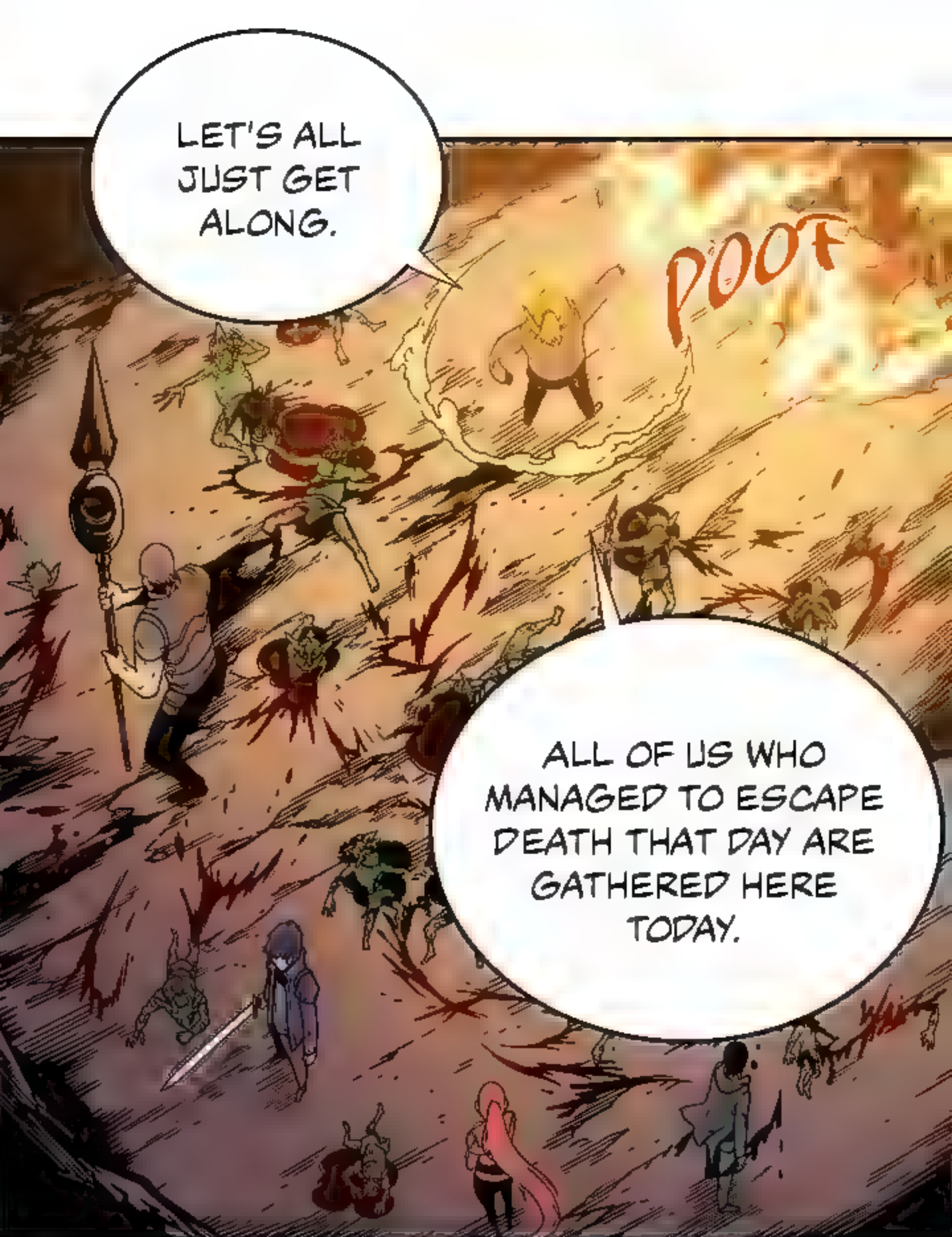






SONG CHIYUL'S A  
C-RANK ALL RIGHT,  
JUST LIKE THOSE  
PRISONERS...









LOOKS LIKE  
YOU'VE IMPROVED  
QUITE A BIT,  
SUNG.

WHERE DID YOU  
GET SUCH A NEAT  
DAGGER? I REMEMBER  
YOU ALWAYS FOUGHT  
EMPTY-HANDED. NOW THAT  
YOU HAVE A WEAPON, YOU'RE  
LIKE A COMPLETELY  
DIFFERENT  
PERSON.

REALLY?



HE'S RIGHT.  
I HAVEN'T HAD TO  
HEAL YOU ONCE.

HAVE YOU  
BEEN PRACTICING  
MARTIAL ARTS IN  
SECRET?

I'VE  
KIND OF BEEN  
EXERCISING  
EVERY DAY.



I SAID  
IT AS A JOKE,  
BUT HE'S DEFINITELY  
CHANGED A WHOLE  
LOT.

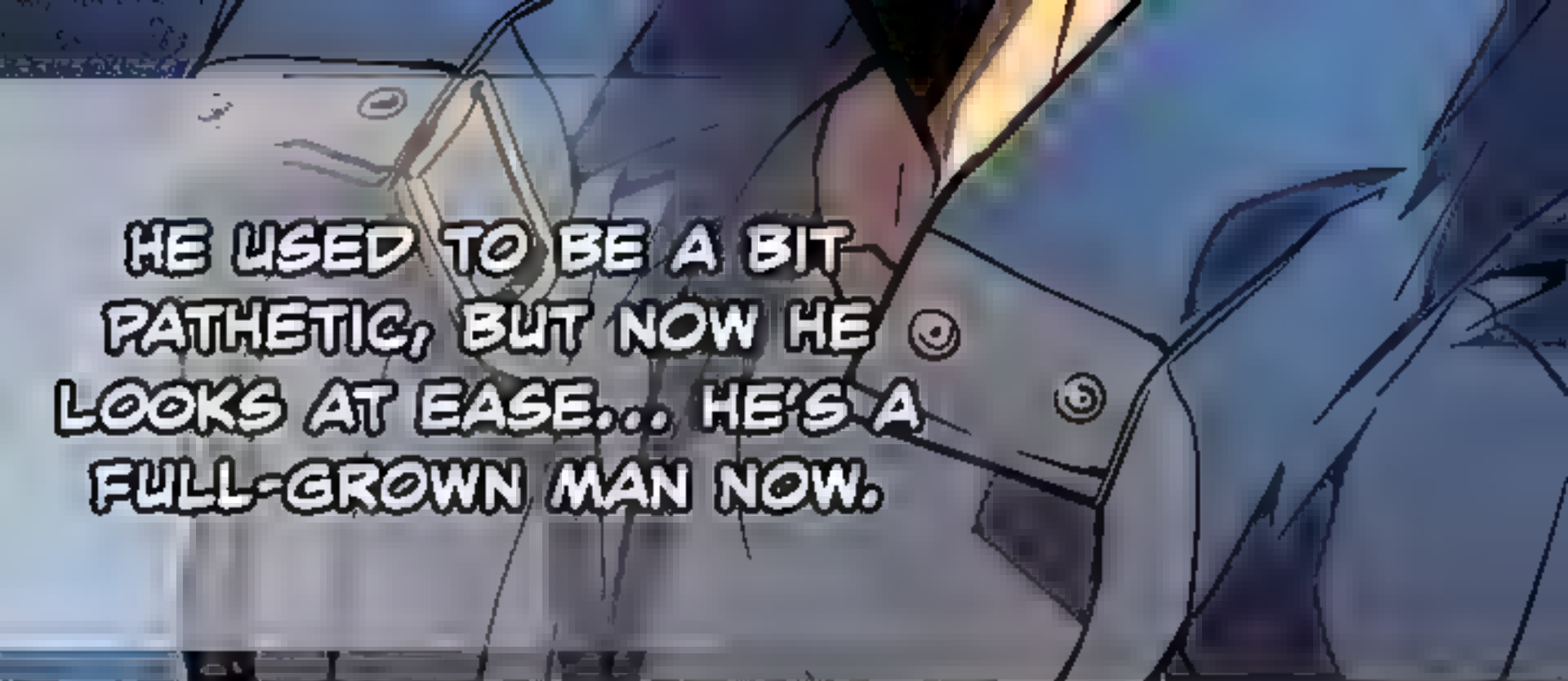
I FEEL  
LIKE YOU'RE NOT  
THE SAME JINWOO  
I USED TO KNOW.



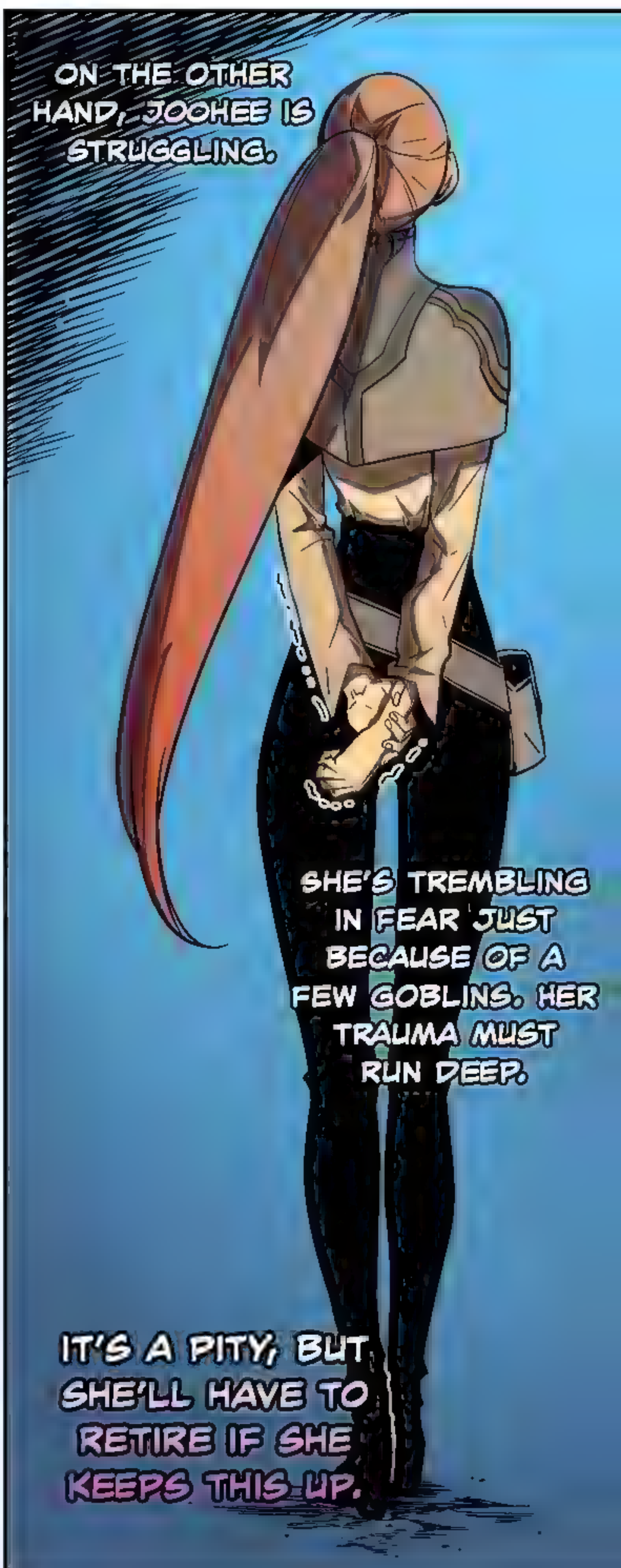
IT'S NOT JUST HIS  
LOOKS, BUT HIS  
AURA, TOO...

IS HE REALLY THE  
SAME SUNG JINWOO?






HE USED TO BE A BIT PATHETIC, BUT NOW HE LOOKS AT EASE... HE'S A FULL-GROWN MAN NOW.



ON THE OTHER HAND, JOOHEE IS STRUGGLING.

SHE'S TREMBLING IN FEAR JUST BECAUSE OF A FEW GOBLINS. HER TRAUMA MUST RUN DEEP.

IT'S A PITY, BUT SHE'LL HAVE TO RETIRE IF SHE KEEPS THIS UP.



DAMN, THE PATH SPLITS INTO THREE.





THIS DUNGEON  
SEEMS EASIER  
THAN I EXPECTED,  
SO HOW ABOUT WE  
SPLIT UP?

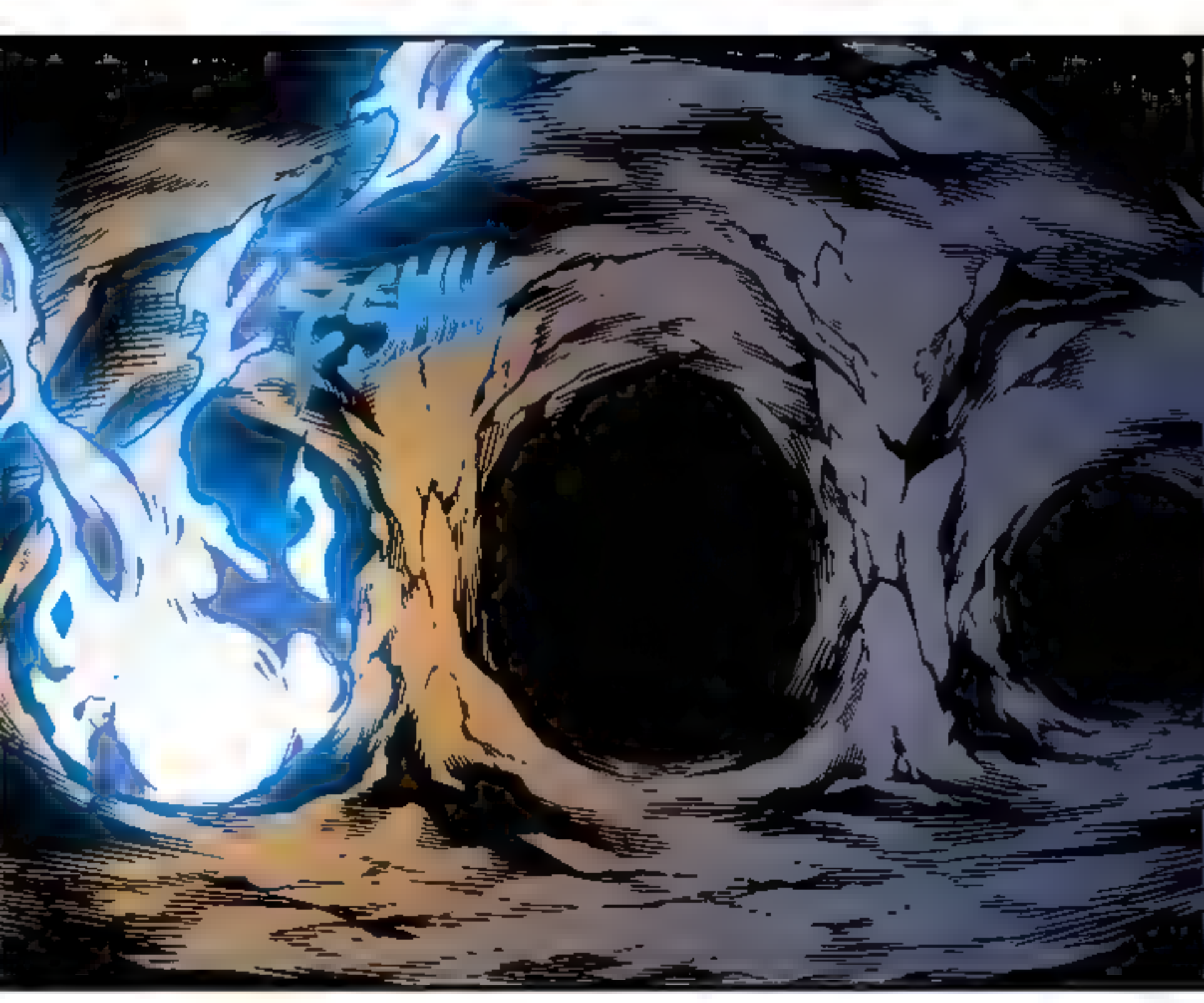
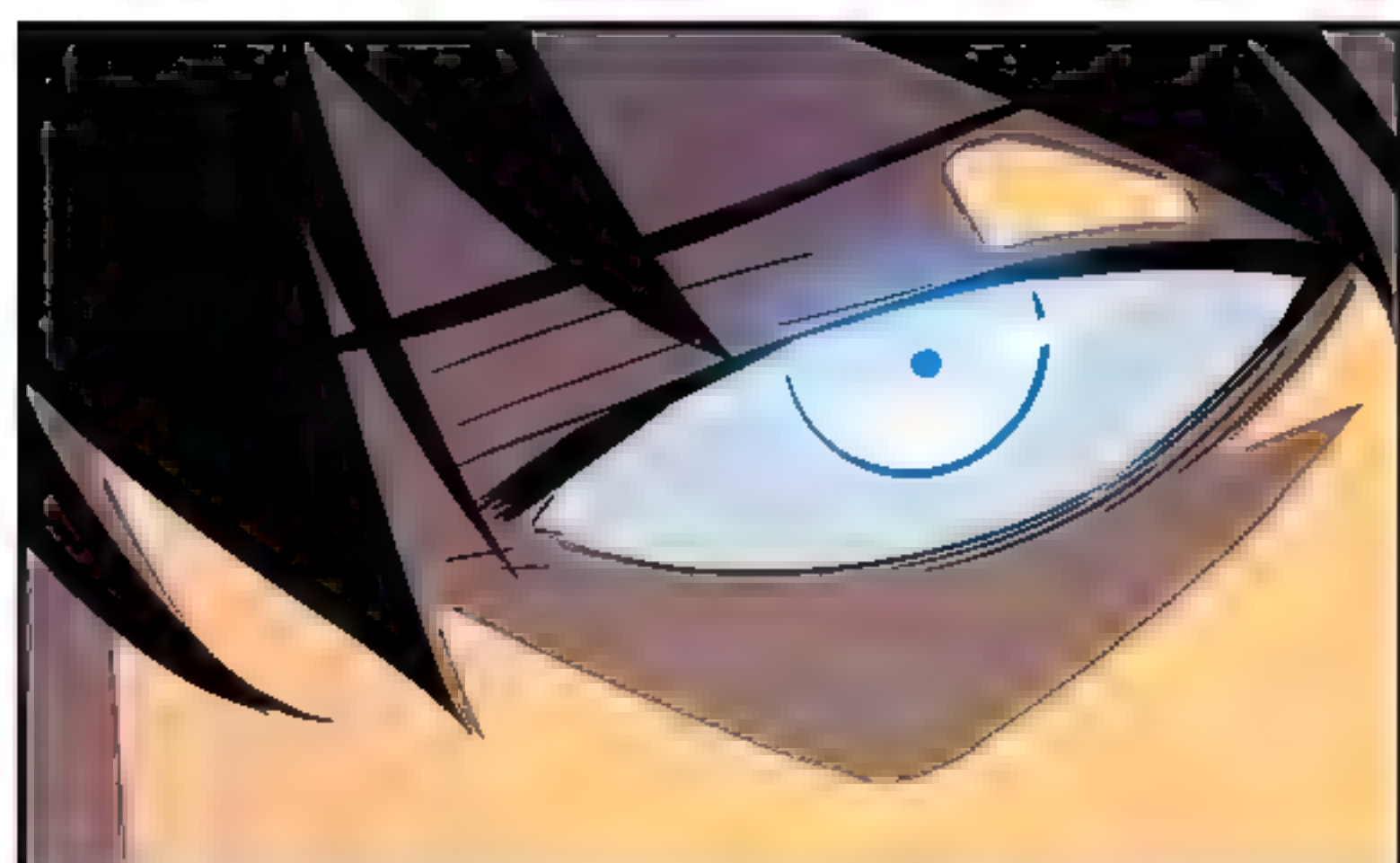
IT MAY BE A LITTLE  
MORE RISKY, BUT THE  
TIME IT WILL TAKE TO  
CLEAR THIS DUNGEON  
WILL DRASTICALLY  
DECREASE.



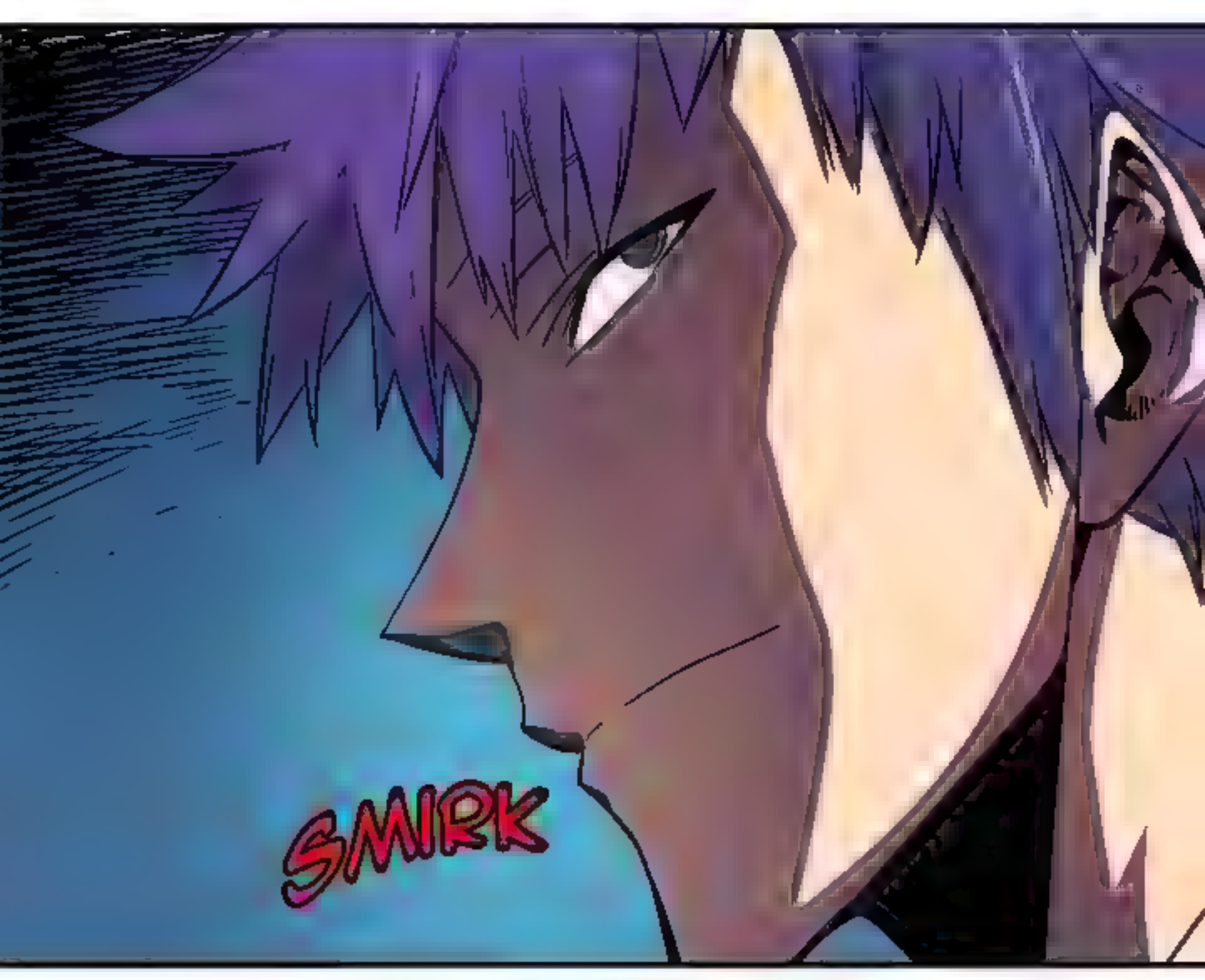
...

SOUNDS  
LIKE A PLAN.

I'LL TAKE THE  
PRISONERS AND GO  
DOWN THE PATH ON THE  
RIGHT, SO IF YOU HAPPEN  
TO FIND THE BOSS'S  
LAIR, JUST COME  
NOTIFY ME.









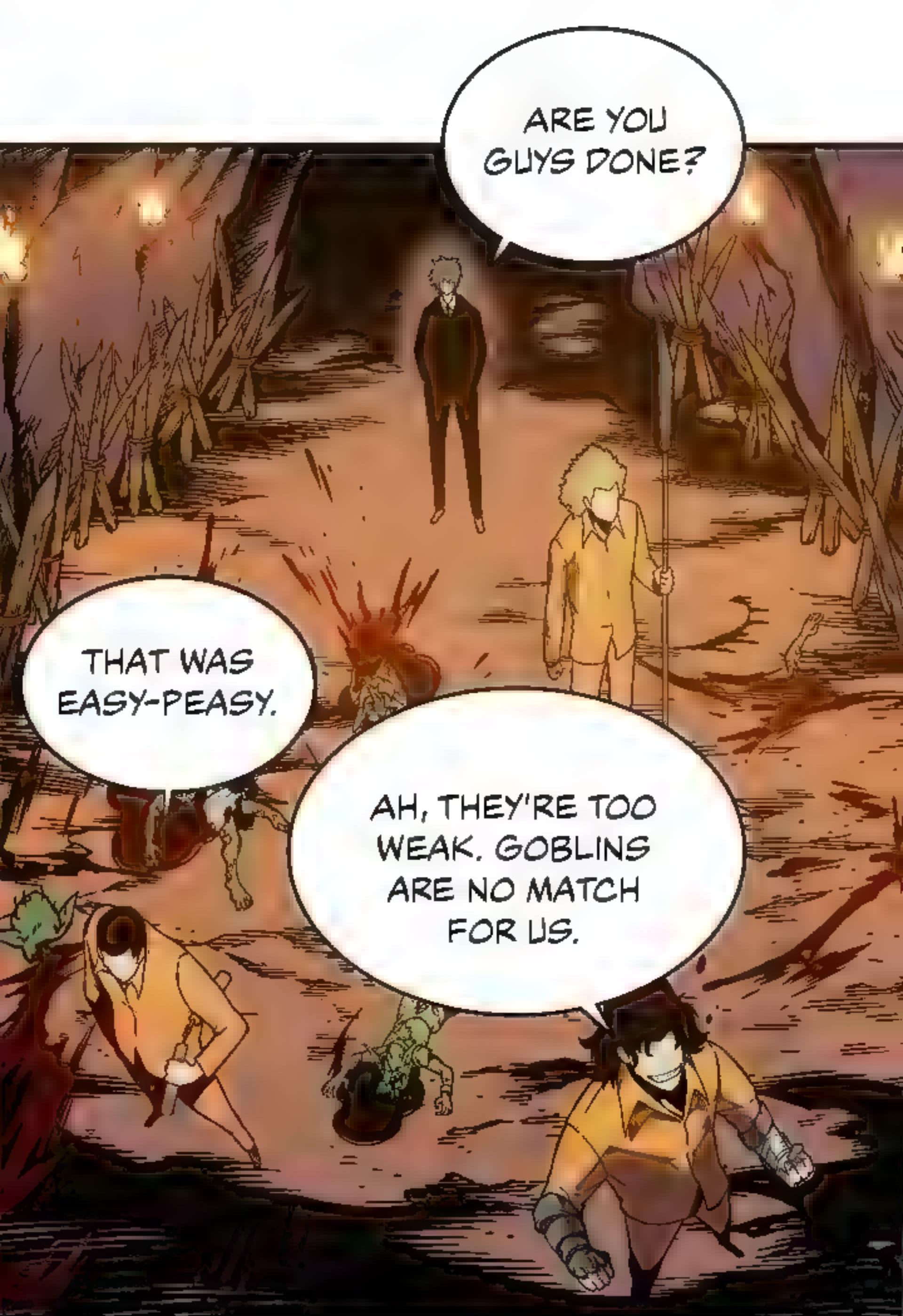


I'M GETTING  
A BAD FEELING...




...ABOUT THAT GUY.



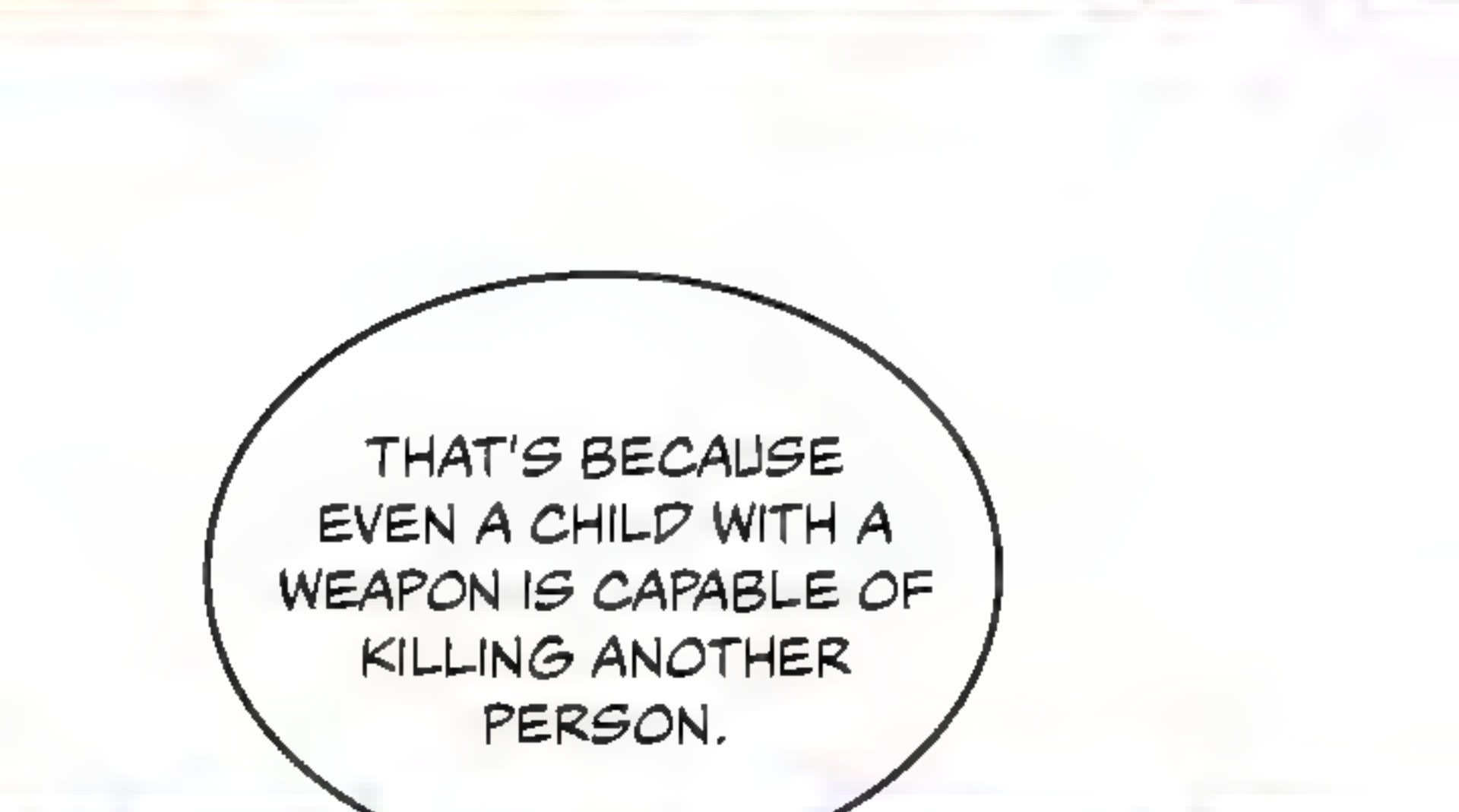




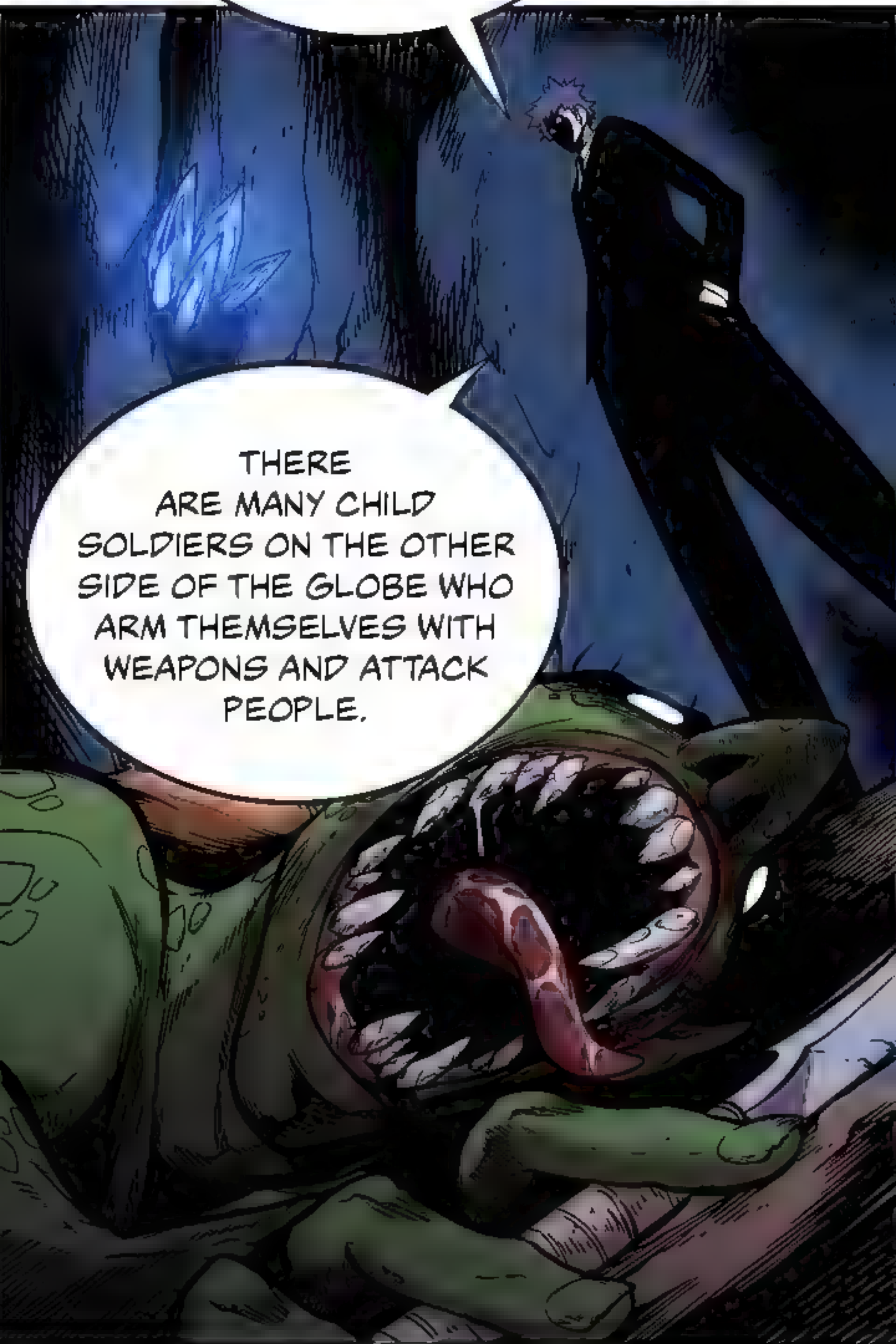


GOBLINS ARE WEAKER COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE HUMAN ADULT MALE. THEY HAVE SMALL BODIES AND THEIR LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE IS THAT OF A CHILD'S. BUT THEIR ABILITY TO AMBUSH USING SNEAKY TACTICS MAKES THEM A TRICKY OPPONENT.


OF COURSE, GIVING A WEAPON TO A HUMAN CHILD WOULD LIKEWISE BE TRICKY TO HANDLE.



THAT'S BECAUSE EVEN A CHILD WITH A WEAPON IS CAPABLE OF KILLING ANOTHER PERSON.



THERE ARE MANY CHILD SOLDIERS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GLOBE WHO ARM THEMSELVES WITH WEAPONS AND ATTACK PEOPLE.



THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HUMANS AND MAGIC BEASTS.



THEY'RE BOTH  
JUST PESKY  
INSECTS.

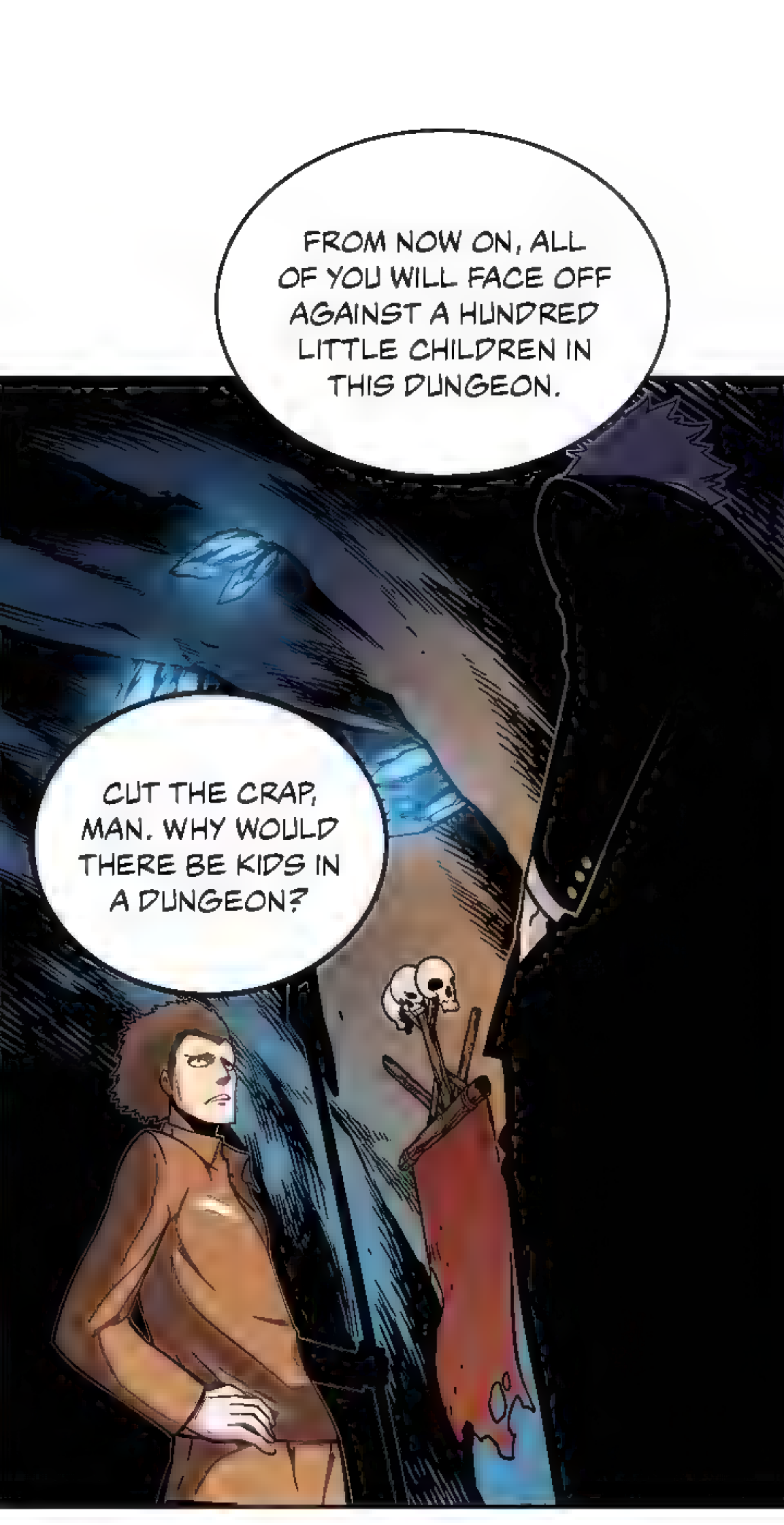
ARE YOU GUYS  
CAPABLE OF KILLING  
A CHILD?

WHAT KIND OF  
LAME QUESTION  
IS THAT?

YOU'RE  
RIGHT.

IT IS  
INDEED A LAME  
QUESTION.





FROM NOW ON, ALL  
OF YOU WILL FACE OFF  
AGAINST A HUNDRED  
LITTLE CHILDREN IN  
THIS DUNGEON.

CUT THE CRAP,  
MAN. WHY WOULD  
THERE BE KIDS IN  
A DUNGEON?

THE CHILDREN ARE  
STARVING, SO THEY'LL  
RIP APART YOUR FLESH  
AND GOBBLE UP EVERY  
LAST BIT.

I WONDER IF  
YOU'D BE ABLE TO  
KILL THEM.

OF COURSE  
WE CAN.

WE'D KILL  
THEM FOR  
SURE.

WE CAN  
KILL 'EM.





THAT'S  
RIGHT.

IN ORDER TO  
LIVE, YOU MUST KILL  
YOUR OPPONENT, NO  
MATTER WHO THAT  
MAY BE.

WHEN WE LEAVE THIS  
DUNGEON, THIS IS WHAT  
WE'LL REPORT TO THE  
HUNTER TEAM.

ALL OF YOU...

...FACED OFF  
AGAINST....





...A HUNDRED  
GOBLINS IN  
HERE.

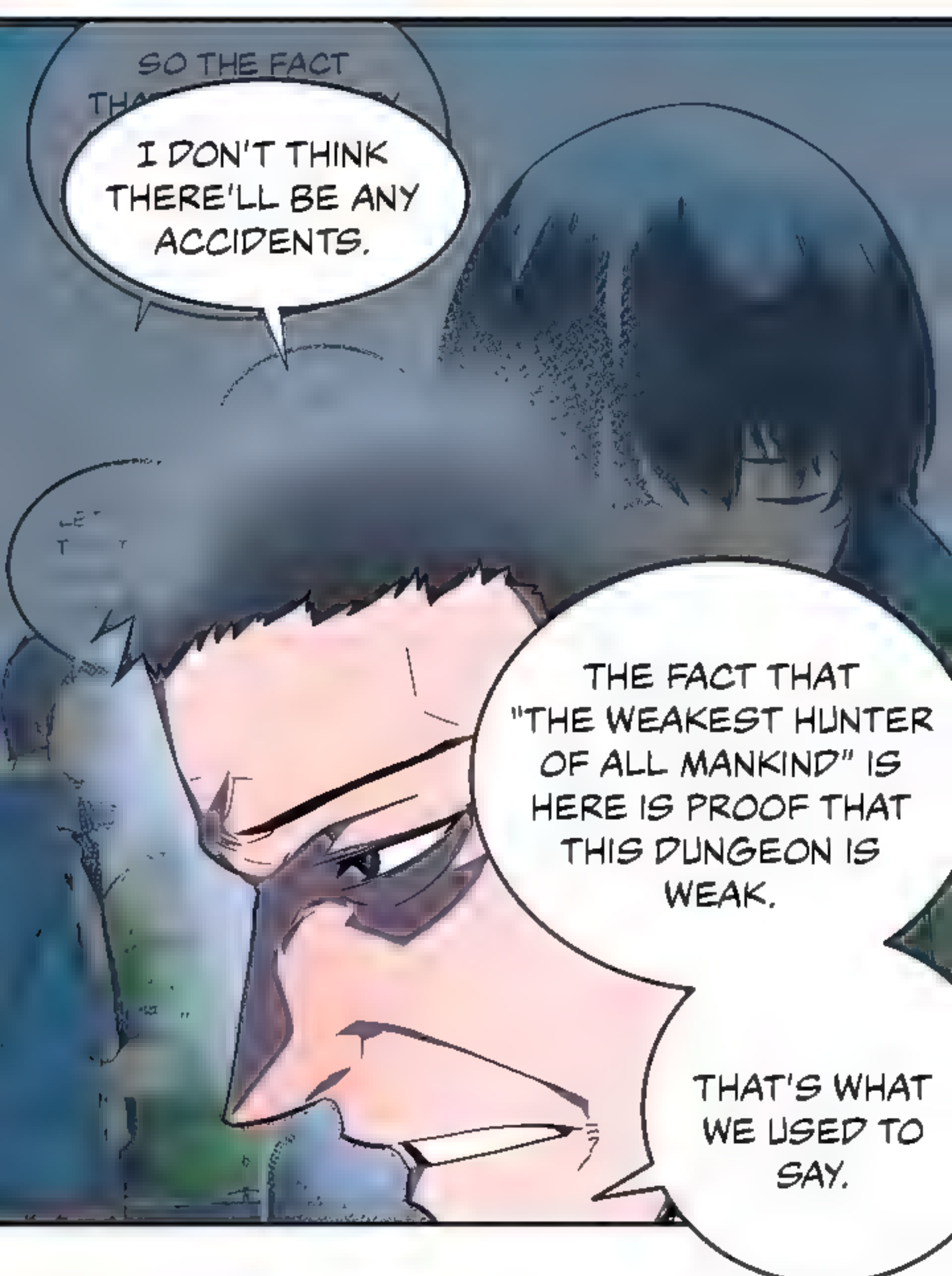






THE GOBLINS IN  
THIS DUNGEON ARE  
MANAGEABLE.

I HOPE IT STAYS  
THAT WAY, SO WE  
CAN FINISH THIS  
RAID SAFELY.



SO THE FACT  
THAT

I DON'T THINK  
THERE'LL BE ANY  
ACCIDENTS.

THE FACT THAT  
"THE WEAKEST HUNTER  
OF ALL MANKIND" IS  
HERE IS PROOF THAT  
THIS DUNGEON IS  
WEAK.

THAT'S WHAT  
WE USED TO  
SAY.

THOUGH IT  
DIDN'T TURN OUT  
TO BE ENTIRELY  
TRUE.





I'VE MADE  
MY DECISION.

ONCE THIS RAID IS  
OVER, I'M GOING TO  
BOW MY HEAD AND  
APOLOGIZE TO SUNG  
AS WELL.



IT'S BEEN  
BOTHERING YOU,  
TOO, EH? HOW WE  
RAN AWAY THAT  
DAY.

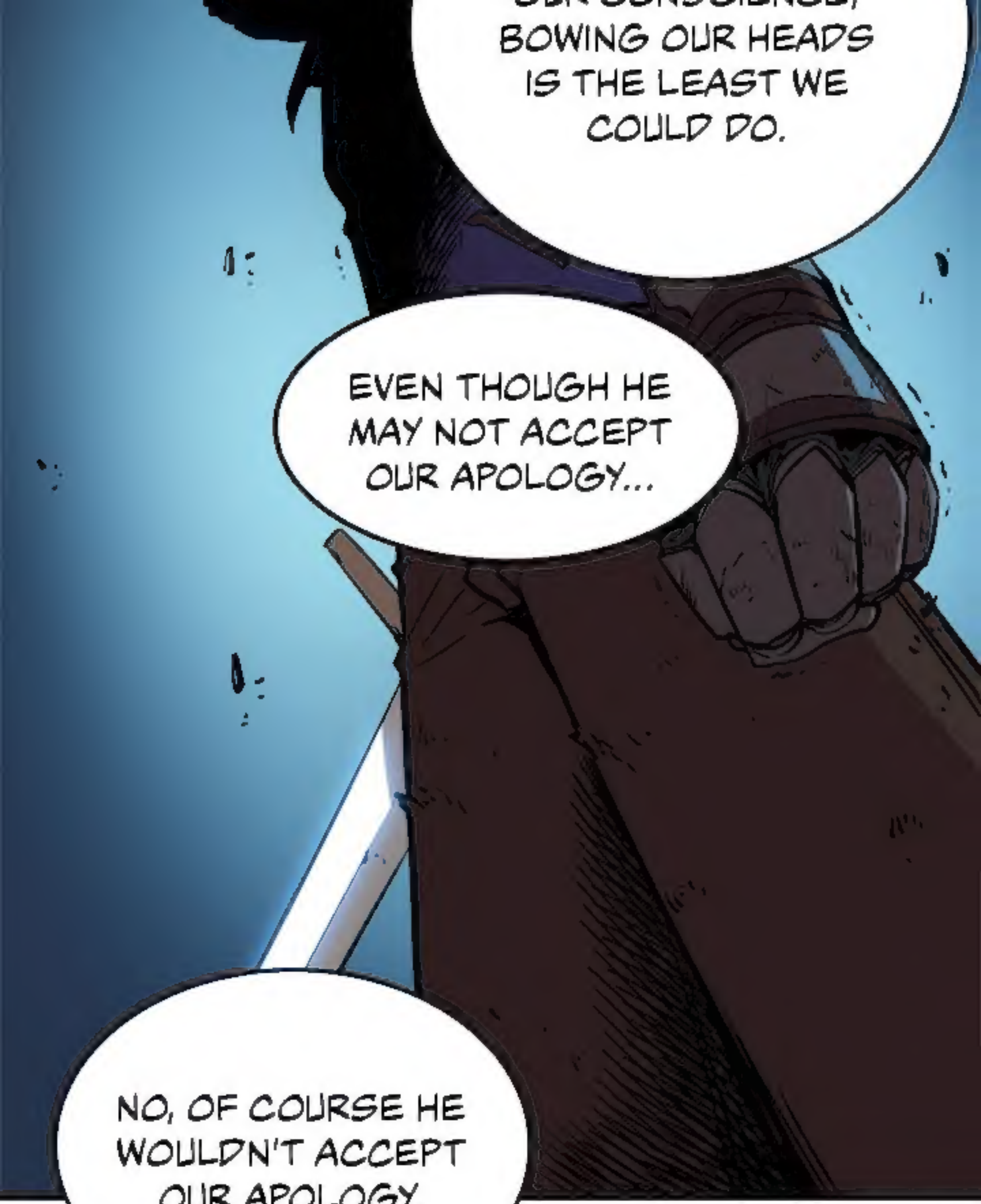
WE'RE A  
DISGRACE TO ALL  
HUNTERS...



WE ABANDONED OUR  
TEAMMATES. WE CAN'T  
HOLD OUR HEADS HIGH  
AFTER RUNNING AWAY  
LIKE THAT.

TO CLEAR  
OUR CONSCIENCE.





OUR CONSCIENCE,  
BOWING OUR HEADS  
IS THE LEAST WE  
COULD DO.

EVEN THOUGH HE  
MAY NOT ACCEPT  
OUR APOLOGY...

NO, OF COURSE HE  
WOULDN'T ACCEPT  
OUR APOLOGY.

BUT I'M STILL  
GOING TO SAY  
SORRY.



WE'RE  
RUNNING OUT OF  
TIME. LET'S GET  
GOING.

WE'RE THE ONLY  
TWO HERE RIGHT  
NOW, SO BE  
CAREFUL.

ALL RIGHT...  
GOT IT!





THE PEOPLE WHO  
WENT DOWN THE OTHER  
PATHS PROBABLY HAVEN'T  
REACHED THE END  
YET, RIGHT?

HUH?



**WHAT'S...**

**...GOING  
ON HERE?!**



To Be Continued...

# Solo Leveling

**D&C**  
WEBTOON

**Translator:** JJoelle

**Editor:** Michelle Kim